GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES IN GUJARAT
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various religions, cultural, industrial and tourist places in Gujarat where new air services have been introduced since January 1,1999;

(b) the details of new air services likely to be started during 2002-03;

(c) the expenditure incurred on maintenance and development of Aerodromes in the State during 2001 and earmarked for 2002 and 2003;

(d) whether various Chambers of Commerce, certain institutions and Members of Parliament of Gujarat have demanded for new air services in the State including regular flight for Rajkot-Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken thereon; and

(g) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Indian Airlines is operating air services to Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Bhuj, Jamnagar and Rajkot in Gujarat.These services commenced prior to 1.1.1999 and thereafter Idnian Airlinea has not added services to any other destination in Gujarat.
Jet Airways is presently operating air services to Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Bhuj, Porbandar, Rajkot and Vadodara.
(b): Sahara Airlines is intend to operate to Ahmedabad in the year 2002.
(c): The expenditure incurred on maintenance and development of various airports/aerodromes in the State during the year 2001-02 is anticipated to be of Rs.404.08 lakhs and projected expenditure earmarked for the year 2002-03 is Rs.387.01 lakhs.
(d), (e), (f) and (g): Indian Airlines has received requests from various sources for increasing flights and providing new links in Gujarat. However, Indian Airlines at present has no plan to start air services to any new destination in Gujarat in its summer schedule for the period 31st March, 2002 to October, 2002.